## **MAPQUEST ADDRESS:** 5922 Nixon Drive York PA 17403

### **WELCOME!**

Richard M. Nixon County Park, located in Springfield Township, features a 14,000 square foot Nature Center. Nestled on 187 acres in meadow, woodland and aquatic habitats, Nixon County Park supports a wide variety of plant & animal life. The landscape of the park provides ample opportunities for teaching many of the natural sciences.

## **HISTORY**

Donated in 1968, through a gift of land from the Bob Hoffman family, the park was named in honor of the newly elected U.S. president. The original Nature Center, which highlights Pennsylvania natural history, was constructed in 1978 and was opened to the public in 1980. An addition was built in 1992 to house a worldwide collection of specimens donated by William Koller, of York, PA. All the outstanding animal exhibits were presented as gifts to be used for educational purposes.

#### **NATURE CENTER**

A working honeybee hive, live snakes, touch room, bird observation windows, an exterior viewing deck and a reference library are found in the Nature Center. Dramatic artwork and over 180 specimens from 15 different countries around the world greet visitors

### **NATURE CENTER HOURS**

Tuesday - Saturday: 8:30 am to 4:30 pm Sundays: 12 pm to 4:30 pm Park Grounds: dawn to dusk (daily)

## PARK AMENITIES

- **Hiking** -There are over six miles of trails in this Park. Because the park is designed primarily for quiet observation of nature, you are asked to keep your activities to a minimum.
- Picnicking -There are no picnic facilities at the park, however, you are welcome to relax on the front lawn and eat lunch. Grills and other open fires are not permitted.



## SPECIAL EVENTS/PROGRAMS

- Sunday Walks/Programs Held each week, April - October from 2:30-4:00 p.m. featuring natural history and related programs.
- Theme Weekends: Offered throughout the year, which focus on different nature related topics including: Dinosaurs, rocks and minerals, reptiles, insects, birds, and maple sugar. Programs take place throughout the entire weekend and are designed for the whole family.
- **Education Programs:** Full-time Naturalists staff the Center and offer guided nature walks and programs to pre-scheduled school and scout groups. To schedule a program for your group, please call (717) 428-1961. Any organized group of 10 or more must pre-schedule, even if touring on their own.
- Nature Discovery Programs: Week-long summer camps for ages 3-13 designed to fully engage campers in the outdoors.

Visit our website www.yorkcountyparks.org for detailed program information or follow us on twitter:@yorkcountyparks

#### Volunteers are an integral part of our operation.

If you would like more info about volunteering within the York County Parks, please call (717) 840-7440.

## Membership Form & Fees

#### Benefits include:

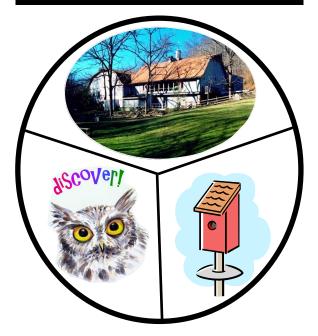
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# RICHARD M. **NIXON COUNTY PARK**



YORK COUNTY **DEPARTMENT OF PARKS** AND RECREATION



#### **ADMINISTRATIVE HEADQUARTERS:**

**At John Rudy County Park 400 MUNDIS RACE ROAD** YORK, PA 17406-9721 PHONE: (717) 840-7440 FAX: (717) 840-7403 Email: parks@yorkcountypa.gov

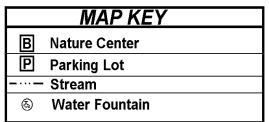
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#1	×	Quiet Walk	.6 Mile
#2	-0-	Bird Hollow Trail	1 Mile
#2A	-0-	Shortcut Trail	.2 Mile
#3	#	Cement All Purpose Trail	.2 Mile
#4	٥	Old Field Trail	1.5 Mile
#5		Geology Trail	1 Mile
#6	•	Upland Hardwood Trail	.7 Mile
#7		Connecting Trail	

## **DIRECTIONS**

- -- I-83 to exit #14 (Leader Heights)
- --Take Leader Heights Road west to South George Street. (Follow signs from Leader Heights Rd.)
- --Turn Left on South George Street.
- -- Turn Right on Valley Road in Jacobus.
- --Turn Right on to Nixon Drive
- --At Stop Sign turn Left, continuing on Nixon Drive.



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